

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/817,946

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment and Remarks filed on September 22, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-33, now renumbered 1-32.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


THUY N. PARDO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Amendment and Remarks filed on September 22, 2004 in response to the Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed. Claim 5 has been canceled and claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 17, and 18 have been amended.
2. Claims 1-4 and 6-33 are presented for examination.
3. Applicant's arguments filed on September 22, 2004 have been fully considered and they are deemed to be persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4 and 6-33 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination said client is provided access to the real estate information exchange system subsequent to said client electing to work with said first real estate agent and said client must first agree to have said first real estate agent represent said client by accepting a Client-Commitment that is provided over said area network to said client and wherein said client must fully complete and agree to said Client-commitment prior to an enabling of said means for sharing MLS property information between said first real estate agent and said client as set forth in independent claims 1 and 2.

Dependent claims 3, 4, 6-33 being further limiting to the independent claim 2 are also allowed.

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The closest prior art, Mozayeny et al. US Patent Application No. 2002/0046077 teaches receiving from a showing realtor, a request to show property, and automatically communicating the request to show property to a seller of the property. The closest prior art fails to anticipate or render Applicant's limitations above obvious.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici, can be reached at 571-272-4083. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding assigned are as follows:

(703) 872-9306 (Official Communication)

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Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

7. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Washington, D.C. 20231

or faxed to:

(703) 308-9051, (for formal communications intended for entry)

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Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington. VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

November 24, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'THUY N. PARDO', with a stylized, looped design.

**THUY N. PARDO
PRIMARY EXAMINER**